



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC

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NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-99-6721

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Application of **Delta Air Lines, Inc.** filed **12/29/99** for:

XX Exemption under 49 U.S.C. 40109 to provide the following service:

Scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between a point or points in the United States, directly and via intermediate points, and a point or points in Portugal, and beyond, and to integrate this authority with its existing certificate and exemption authority. Delta intends to operate this service pursuant to a code-share arrangement with Air France, whereby Delta will display its designator code on flights operated by Air France between Paris and points in Portugal. Delta initially plans to offer third-country code-share services to Lisbon and Porto, Portugal.

Northwest Airlines filed an answer stating that it did not object to approval of Delta's application so long as Northwest's similar application in Docket OST-2000-6776 is processed simultaneously.

Applicant rep: **Robert E. Cohn (202) 663-8060** DOT Analyst: **Sylvia Moore (202) 366-6519**

DISPOSITION

XX **Granted** (subject to conditions, see below)

The above action was effective when taken: **January 24, 2000**, through **January 24, 2002**

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**
Office of International Aviation

XX **The exemption authority granted is consistent with the aviation agreement between the United States and Portugal, which is being provisionally applied on the basis of comity and reciprocity pending entry into force of the agreement.**

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX** **Holder's certificate of public convenience and necessity**

XX **Standard exemption conditions (attached)**

XX **Statement of authorization approving Delta/Air France code-share operations granted August 6, 1998, and conditions therein**

(See Reverse Side)

Conditions: The authority granted to serve intermediate and beyond points is limited to countries with which the United States has signed open-skies agreements and/or countries for which Delta holds authority to serve under certificates and exemptions issued by the Department, and for which it holds route integration authority by virtue of either the present action or other action of the Department.

The route integration authority granted is subject to the condition that any service provided under this exemption shall be consistent with all applicable agreements between the United States and the foreign countries involved. Furthermore, (a) nothing in the award of the route integration authority requested should be construed as conferring upon Delta rights (including fifth-freedom intermediate and/or beyond rights) to serve markets where U.S. carrier entry is limited unless Delta notifies the Department of its intent to serve such a market and unless and until the Department has completed any necessary carrier selection procedures to determine which carrier(s) should be authorized to exercise such rights; and (b) should there be a request by any carrier to use the limited-entry route rights that are included in Delta's authority by virtue of the route integration exemption granted here, but that are not then being used by Delta, the holding of such authority by route integration will not be considered as providing any preference for Delta in a competitive carrier selection proceeding to determine which carrier(s) should be entitled to use the authority at issue.

Remarks: With regard to Northwest's concerns, we have granted Northwest's application in Docket OST-2000-6776 concurrently with our action here.

On the basis of data officially noticeable under Rule 24(n) of the Department's regulations, we found the applicant qualified to provide the services authorized.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the exemption authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a "major regulatory action" under the Energy, Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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APPENDIX

U.S. CARRIER **Standard Exemption Conditions**

In the conduct of operations authorized by the attached notice, the applicant(s) shall:

- (1) Hold at all times effective operating authority from the government of each country served;
- (2) Comply with applicable requirements concerning oversales contained in 14 CFR 250 (for scheduled operations, if authorized);
- (3) Comply with the requirements for reporting data contained in 14 CFR 241;
- (4) Comply with requirements for minimum insurance coverage, and for certifying that coverage to the Department, contained in 14 CFR 205;
- (5) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (6) Comply with the applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations, including all FAA requirements concerning security; and
- (7) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department of Transportation, with all applicable orders and regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

The authority granted shall be effective only during the period when the holder is in compliance with the conditions imposed above.